

# ANNUAL PEACE AWARDS HONOR 2 LOCAL WOMEN

By Florence Pewtherer

Once each year, St. James Presbyterian Church presents PEACEMAKING awards to two individuals in our community who are endeavoring to make the Valley a better place in which to live.

On Sunday, December 16th, awards were presented to Miss Karen Murray and Miss Shirletha Boxx.

For the past several years, Miss Murray's activities have encompassed many facets of our community's life. She has

been active in a Student Conflict Resolution Program, Thanksgiving food drives and in obtaining Christmas toy donations. In addition to this she has given her time to assist many needy welfare parents. And this is only a partial list of her activities.

Miss Boxx's efforts are centered in the Sunnydale Project where her work has been among the troubled teens.

As a result of her own problem teen years, she felt she might be able to reach these young people.

Her volunteer work grew from a few hours a week to full time and she eventually gave up her job to work part time for the Park & Recreation Department. Through her strong faith in God, she felt she could succeed in helping these youth where others feared to try. She founded an organization entitled "Gang for God" whose goal was to stop the chain of revenge that followed each shooting. She gradually gained the confidence of the young people and was able to establish communication between rival gang members. While some violence is still evident, things are much improved and the Gang for God has grown.

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### Career Day at El Dorado School

By GERRY L. GALVAN

No less than 20 individuals - representing a wide spectrum of professions and callings - were invited to, and spoke before the grade school students at El Dorado School on Delta street the other day.

The guests - pep talk resource persons came in as role models to the school's hundreds of young students during Career Day at El Dorado.

The purpose of Career Day has been to inspire the students to work harder in school and develop their natural inclination to a particular career. For instance, a young individual with natural aptitude in helping his/her folks and peers in relieving pain would find the pep talk of a physician very appropriate. One adept at tinkering with and fixing tools and gadgets will be comfortable with an engineer as resource, etc.

There were three engineers, two attorneys, two doctors of medicine, an accupuncturist, a respiratory care coordinator, a journalist, a TV producer, a commercial artist, a building construction manager, a human resources executive with a large private utilities company, a private business entrepreneur, and such five government workers as MUNI cable car man, a probation officer, park ranger, an outreach director, and a respiratory care coordinator.

Each resource/role model

guest was assigned two time slots each of which lasted 40 minutes. The maximum number of students/participants in

the 40 minute long give and take discussion was 10 students from the fourth through sixth grades.

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### Happy Holidays from the Pacific Islands



Dancers from the 5th grade English Language Development class at Visitacion Valley Elementary School perform "Happy Holidays from the Pacific Islands" as part of a winter entertainment program. See page 4.

### St. James Christmas Celebration

By GERRY L. GALVAN

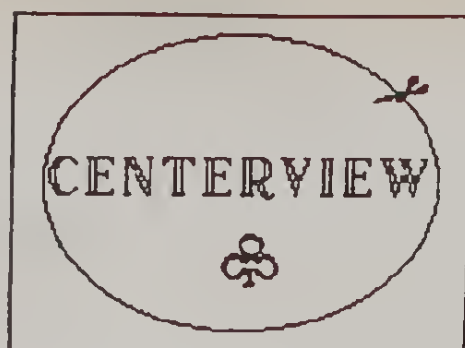
SAN FRANCISCO - Lovely Christmas songs, vocalized through angelic voices of Tony Toledo, Yolanda Tolentino,

Fred Tolentino and their nephew Rafael Tolentino in concert, opened the 1990 Christmas celebration at Saint James Church on December 15, thanks to the congregation's

Christian education and young adults committee led by Diane Lacanienta.

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From the Publisher:

There will be a few changes in the Grapevine over the next few months. First of all, the Grapevine is coming to the end of its funding from the San Francisco Foundation. Since the income from the advertising will not cover the full cost of the paper as it was done in the past, we are working on ways to continue publishing by reducing the budget, and by trying new ways to raise funds.

There has been an internal reorganization, which will help us streamline our operations, and we hope will make the paper more responsive to the residents of Visitacion Valley as well. We now have a Grapevine Production Committee, which has a broadly ex-

perienced and neighborhood based membership. The members of the Committee will all learn all phases of the Grapevine's operation, and will produce the Grapevine collectively.

We are exploring the feasibility of purchasing our own printing equipment and using it to serve the neighborhood's printing needs as well as our own. This would help us raise money to defray the cost of producing the paper. We are also looking into the possibility of using our printing equipment to start training classes for those interested in learning the printing trade.

This issue will be the first issue in which we did our own layouts. We are learning as we do it. Future issues will see some experimentation...at least for a few months. We hope you will bear with us, wish us success, and give us lots of feedback. We will sincerely try to implement as many of your suggestions as possible. We also wish to ask you to contribute to our efforts. We need neighbor-



hood news. We would like to have story suggestions. We plan to have sections of the Grapevine in Chinese, Tagalog and Spanish language, as well as English. We want a Youth section, a section for Community Organizations, a Merchants' section, Health & Nutrition, and others. If you can draw cartoons, we can use your talents. Don't forget to let us know

about your meetings and special events! Of course, we still need ads from the merchants...and we want to mention our classified section as well.

So, with this New Year's issue, the Visitacion Valley Grapevine continues...soon to be better than ever. Stay with us, folks; this is YOUR newspaper.

## An Invitation to Valley Residents

By Gaye Frisby, R. N.

Dear Visitacion Valley Residents:

Schlage Lock Company would like to invite you and your organization to share your good health by participating in our annual winter blood drive.

Participating in the blood drive is a great way to meet people from other organizations in our community, makes you feel more a part of the Visitacion Valley community, creates a community minded statement for your organization, and most of all you will be helping to save the lives of

people who need blood in the 42 hospitals the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank serves. In addition, each individual who donates has a "banked unit of blood" against which they may draw should a family member or friend require a blood transfusion.

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This is an opportunity to donate blood without travelling outside of your own community. The procedure is simple and the entire process takes less than an hour.

If members of your family or organization, who are unable to donate but would like to contribute by volunteering by providing services such as assisting with the registering or serving snacks to the donors, we would certainly appreciate their assistance. For an appointment to donate, or to volunteer, please call me at 467-1100, extension 5326.

## CAMPFIRE BOYS AND GIRLS CARE

-by Anne Kaartunen-

This Christmas season, a special group of Camp Fire Boys and Girls shared their holiday spirit. The Koyuse Camp Fire Club is a group of 2nd through 6th graders who live in troubled Visitacion Valley. These Camp Fire kids, 70% of whom are needy themselves, have "adopted" the Hamilton Family Shelter as their Saturday Service Club project. During their Saturday Service Club, members visit the shelter two Saturdays a month to share games, arts and crafts, and friendship. This season the Koyuse Club donated canned food from their annual food drive as well as one hundred pounds of turkey. They have created holiday decorations and crafts to share, as well as a collection of toys that they wrapped and delivered to their friends at the Hamilton Family Shelter.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Golden Gate Council serves Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. Camp Fire strives to help youth realize their potential through contemporary programs that develop personal life skills, social responsibility, health and leadership. Like the Koyuse

Club, Camp Fire youth are guaranteed ways to practice what they are learning through camping, friendship and service opportunities. Funding for the Koyuse Camp Fire Club has been provided by a grant from the San Francisco Foundation.

We hope this will provide a positive service opportunity for Camp Fire groups during the holidays and throughout the New Year.

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# Career Day at El Dorado School

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The following is the complete list of professionals and bread-winners who shared insights on what an individual should do during his/her grade school days as he/she prepares for high school and possibly college: Kenneth Morris, Forrest Anderson, Michael Mahlmeister, Norma Shange, Patricia Aguayo, Suzette Tillman, Penelope Collins, James Bullock, Donald Sims, Sandy Cooper, Arronell Thomas, Noelle Holloway, Carol Charlotte, Edison Fong, Rhonda Hjort, Sarah Hsia, Diana Jang, Zita Baguir, Mercilla Camacho, and Gerry L. Galvan (your reporter).

It was obvious that most of the students/participants had prepared themselves for the occasion. More than 50 per cent actively participated in the free-for-all discussion shortly after the resource's presentation. In your reporter's group, for instance, fifth grader Kimberly profounded such intriguing questions as "How much money do you make as a newspaper reporter?" and "Are you not worried sometimes that your boss will get mad at you?" and other questions.

It appeared during your reporter's 80 minutes with the

20 young boys and girls that the girls were more aggressive and inquisitive than the boys in their class. Such posture has been explained over and over again by an educator very intimately known to the Grapevine who says, "During the grade and the high school years, girls appear to be more studious than the boys. But when the same young people get to college, the boys will outshine the girls."

Here is a sampling of the fourth and fifth grade students who attended and had an input on the El Dorado's Career Day 1990: Tim Liao, Jared Ross Lamb, Alfred Ugita, Eric Jones, Jesus Pena, Danielle Lewis, and many more.

El Dorado's Career Day 1990 was organized by school principal Mae Threadgill and classroom teacher Norman Mattox IV. The two educators assembled, what Mrs. Threadgill had referred to publicly as "a dynamic group of citizens and professionals".

El Dorado school initially started Career Day in 1988 and has observed it every year since then. "We found the experience to be truly exciting for the students that we felt it was a good idea to keep it going every year", Norman Mattox told the Grapevine.

Mrs. Threadgill says that the fourth Career Day celebration will be held most likely in October 1991. "We expect to invite equally knowledgeable resource speakers role models come 1991.", she said.

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A year and a half ago, through the help of the City, a Sunnysdale Youth Center was realized. The Center started with a building and some donated furniture and supplies. They still

need furniture, games, etc., but the Center is on its way.

St. James and the community are pleased to pay tribute to these two individuals



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*Visitacion  
Valley  
Elementary  
News*  
by Vincent Chao

## Christmas Joy

This Christmas, Santa Claus was especially good to all the boys and girls of Visitacion Valley Elementary School. He delivered candy canes and nice toys to every class. Many thanks to the staff of Kaiser Hospitals, P. G. & E. and to the San Francisco Fire Fighters.-



Santa visiting our kindergarten class with Santa's helpers. Outreach consultant Karen Murray and teacher Gilda Wong. On

his lap, with their Christmas presents are Michael C., Michael T., Debbie M. and Donna.



## RECIPES...

### CINNAMONSTARS

1 lb. Almond nut meats, ground up  
1 lb. powdered sugar  
6 egg whites  
1 tablespoon cinnamon  
grated rind of 1 lemon

Whip egg whites until stiff. Add sugar, cinnamon and lemon rind by folding in lightly. Take out 1 level cup and save for frosting. Add nut flour to the balance and roll out and cut with star shape or other cookie cutter. Arrange on greased and floured cookie sheet and put a dollop of frosting on each. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

### DUDIE'S GINGER COOKIES

Julia M. Fox

1 cup granulated sugar  
3/4 cup shortening  
1 egg  
1/4 cup molasses  
2 cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda (mixed into flour)  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
3/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
3/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
powdered sugar for topping

Mix flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves and ginger together. Add sugar and mix well. Cut shortening into dry ingredients, then add beaten egg and molasses. Make small balls. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. Dust with powdered sugar when finished.

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONORS LOCAL HEROINES

March is **Women's History Month**, and in the spirit of this, the leaders of the San Francisco organizations that began as part of the Settlement House Movement a century ago, are planning to recognize the women that founded the early Settlement Houses of our City. It is an especially fitting time to honor these women, for many now are beginning to see that the Settlement House should be revived. Although some have recognized this all along, the politicians and bureaucrats have refused to see the value in a neighborhood center like Visitacion Valley Community Center, Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, Telegraph Hill Neighborhood House, Booker T. Washington Community Center and others.

Since some of the political people sometimes read this, let's tell them something about a typical Settlement House through the brief history of one of these women who founded the network of community focused organizations that crossed our country a hundred years ago, and still serve their communities in this wonderful way today through the Centers that are their legacy to our neighborhood.

Florence Friedman was born on March 17, 1889, a native Californian. She studied Social Work in Chicago, Illinois, during which time she worked at Hull House under the mentorship of Jane Addams. Ms. Addams visited Florence years later, when she toured the country upon her retirement from Hull House, and at that time had a chance to see the Visitacion Valley Community Center, which was founded by her protegee, Florence Friedman.

Upon Ms. Friedman's initial return to California after graduation from her Social Work studies, she obtained a position as a teacher at the Visitacion Valley Elementary School beginning in 1910. She gave up that position in 1918 to found the Visitacion Valley Community Center because she felt that effective help for the children required that she work with the entire family.

The first activities sponsored by the Center were under the auspices of the War Camp Community Services at the end of the First World War, and a Boy Scout Troop which became the foundation for the building of a vital organization. From 1918, the Center operated in a storefront building that still stands today on the southwest corner of Raymond and Alpha Streets. In 1922, Ms. Friedman and her volunteer Board of Directors (one of the first to be composed entirely of neighborhood residents) joined her Advisory Board of prominent San Franciscans to dedicate Visitacion Valley Community Center's first building. Now named the Florence P. Friedman building, this structure stands at 66 Raymond Avenue, and houses the VVCC Senior Citizens' Center and other Center Programs.

The building was built on donated land, with volunteer labor and donated plans and materials. In 1922 also, the Center became a charter member of the San Francisco Community Chest, which later became the United Way of the Bay Area.

In 1925, the Center and our neighbors welcomed the Schlage family's Lock Company to the Valley. Over the years, Schlage has been a supporter of Community Center activities. In May of 1927, Visitacion Valley Community Center joined in the opening celebration of John McLaren Park, and was given a silver trophy by the "Committee of 100", which organized the celebration. All these activities and projects were guided by Miss Friedman and her supporters and friends. Some of her earliest supporters included Mr. Angelo Rossi and Mr. George Christopher (both former Mayors of S. F.), Mrs. M. Meyerfeld, Samuel I. & Blanche Wormser (of S. & W. Fine Foods family), and Dorothy Wormser Coblentz (the Architect of 66 Raymond).

The Center grew and expanded, well used and much loved by neighborhood residents. In 1937, a second building was begun at 50 Raymond Avenue by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). This was the new home of the nursery school (later called Family School), and the well baby clinic sponsored by the San Francisco

Health Department. VVCC, along with the rest of the Bay area, celebrated the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge with a huge Festival. When World War II broke out, VVCC once again became engaged in the War Relief effort, with the "Servees", an organization of young neighborhood women who cooked and served home cooked meals to the "military boys".

Florence retired in 1959, but did not go far. She moved just 3 blocks away to an apartment on the corner of Peabody & Leland, where she continued her active participation in the Center as a Board member and a member of the Senior Citizens' Center Program until 1983, when she broke her hip and was forced to move to the Jewish Home on Silver Avenue. Even then, she continued her vital interest and gave valued guidance to Center staff and members through daily phone calls and frequent visits. When she died on April 28, 1984, Visitacion Valley lost its most revered resident, and San Francisco lost a most valued servant. Many of the babies who first came to VVCC's nursery school and well baby clinic back in 1918, raised their children and grandchildren here, now are members of the Senior Center Program. Many remember the early days with nostalgia, love, and a healthy respect for a tiny, feisty, self-described "Jewish Leprechaun" (born on St. Patrick's Day) who lived only for her Visitacion Valley Family.

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## Little Hollywood Reports

by: Don Bertone ©

Happy New Year Little Hollywood! Actually this new year only promises to be a continuation of the issues that we left off at the end of last year, but we'll make the best of it as we always do.

The Hester Heights Project was continued until January 24th due to objections that were raised by the 30 or so people from this neighborhood and other supporting groups that came to our aid. A lot of issues were brought to the attention of the Planning Commissioners who agreed with what we were saying all along that this out-of-scale development will cause problems not only for us, but for the new neighbors who will be buying these homes. It's not over yet, but at least by having ALL the neighbors stick together and go downtown to let the Commissioners know how we felt, we made some progress. Special thanks go to Margaret Verges from the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods, and Harold Brooks from District 7 Democratic Club, which voted to support us to scale down this project and study the impacts it will create. Little Hollywood is a member of both these groups. It's not over yet, so mark down January 24th on your calendars.

The Grapevine will be looking a lot different this year and due to a lack of funding, we will be doing all the distribution ourselves instead of having paid

staff getting the paper to you. Volunteers to get the paper delivered door to door will be needed. There will be three ways to get the paper. You can pick it up at the Community Center on Raymond Avenue or any of the stores that carry it. If we get some people willing to deliver door to door, then that will be another way. The one sure way to get it will be to subscribe directly. This is a small cost to find out what is happening here, and seeing how the Chronicle or Examiner don't write about us, it's the ONLY way. The paper is going to be the only notice of Little Hollywood meetings, so you'd better get a copy somehow. All paid members of the Association will get an automatic subscription at a special group rate. If we find volunteers to deliver door to door, then non-members will get a copy. Please note that a dues increase will be talked about at the next meeting. We won't be able to do this on only \$3 a year for long. This paper gets seen downtown at City Hall and at Sacramento, so it is important to keep it going. The few dollars for the subscription won't even begin to cover the cost and work that will be going onto the only paper VisValley has left. Support your neighborhood or don't complain when they run over us. Once these overbuilt developments are in, it will be too late to change anything.

## Sunnydale Boys & Girls Club

♥ Notes & News ♥  
by Ruby Smith ©

The San Francisco Girls and Boys Club, a non-profit organization since 1891 has been called upon by the Sunnydale community and Sunnydale service providers for their expertise, which is taking kids off the streets and into a club doing constructive, positive activities.

Since September of 1989, the Sunnydale Branch has held five main events, which were a Grand Opening, a Live Performance Proposal, the "Miss Sunnydale Beauty Pageant" and Halloween and Christmas Parties. The Sunnydale Branch also runs programs such as cooking classes, tutoring, candyland, a beauty salon, arts & crafts and the S.H.A.R.E. Program. Sunnydale has also been in sports contests such as the NIKE Football Toss (where they were named city champions), pool tournaments, ping pong tournaments and basketball games. Club members have also participated in a Columbus Day Parade, the Great Rubber Duck Race, the Visitation

Valley Community Picnic, Camp Mendocino and other fun filled field trips.

1991 is the 100th anniversary of the San Francisco Boys and Girls Club, so this year promises a whole year of new and exciting festivities for one and all. The Sunnydale Branch would like to invite all of the Visitation Valley children to come down and join in on the fun at 1654 Sunnydale Avenue. ...And for those of you not in the Visitation Valley neighborhood, there are four other locations; one near you!

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Valley Youth Benefit  
From Mayor's Gang  
Prevention Program

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Program is a program sponsored by Mayor Agnos' office, working with younger teenagers who are at risk of becoming involved in gang violence. It focuses especially on areas surrounding housing projects where violence involving youth has been a problem. In the Sunnydale Housing Complex and the surrounding portion of Visitation Valley, we have a Case Manager and two street workers who work with the youth, their schools, their parents, and with the other organizations and programs that serve the youth, such as the Recreation Centers, Playgrounds, etc.

Until this month, the Case manager and the street workers have been "borrowed" from an organization in another neighborhood. It has been hard for the youth and especially for the Program staff in terms of having the physical presence of support that on site supervision gives. From now on, these hard working counselors will not have to leave the youth and run downtown to turn in paperwork, or to go to a staff meeting. The time saved will result in increased service to the youth and their families. Visitation Valley Community Center is proud and happy to support this program, which has been of such help to the youth of Sunnydale. The people working with the youth will remain the same. Many of you already know Shirletha Holmes-Boxx, the Case Manager for the Program. Shirletha is the lady who founded "Gang for God", and also was a driving force in the establishment of the Sunnydale Recreation Center. We look forward to many more good successes with Shirletha's leadership.


If anyone knows of a young person who has problems or needs assistance in any way, please do give Shirletha and her coworkers a call. The youth are our future...all of our futures. They deserve a chance to make the best life for themselves and their future families as they can. In order to do that, they must have positive role models and effective teachers of life skills. The Gang Prevention Program can open those doors for our youth, and introduce them to people who can help them find positive opportunities for their lives.

The Gang Prevention Program needs you as well...volunteers who are positive role models are always needed to assist the counselors in their efforts with the youth. This is really a leadership training project for the youth, who are the leaders of the next century. I know you are busy...me too...but the busiest people make the very best role models. You know it! ...and you OWE it to the community to pass on your leadership skills to tomorrows leaders, so MAKE the time! Call Shirletha or Julie to find out how you can become involved in this very worthwhile endeavor. There are many ways to help. I'm sure you'll find one that is just right for you, and you will feel very good about these youth and yourself.



# January, 1991

## DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH



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by Shirletha Holmes-Boxx - THIS MONTH I AM DEDICATING MY ARTICLE TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES WHO HELPED MAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON A VERY JOYFUL ONE FOR MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE SUNNYDALE HOUSING COMPLEX.

DAVID GILMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Gilmore met with the teens of Sunnydale regarding the renovation of the recreation center. As a result of the meetings the teens of Sunnydale and the San Francisco Housing Authority entered a contract to cooperatively renovate the center. The teens also committed to continue the task of making

Sunnydale a safe and drug free community.

JOEL ROBINSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION - SF REC & PARK

Robinson, a positive male role model to the young men in the community, has taken several high-risk young men off the streets and employed them with the Rec and Parks Department. With this, a young man by the name of CHARLES HUNTER aka "Big Boy" was employed as a youth aide. This was over a year ago. Charles worked diligently at this job while being paid minimum wages. Well! Guess what Charles received this holiday season??? A PROMOTION - He is now a locker room attendant...SUNNYDALE SUCCESS STORY! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, "Big Boy".

REV. JAMES PITTMAN, VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Pittman is always available and willing to assist in improving the quality of life for the residents of Sunnydale. He donated new sweaters for the young women of Sunnydale. We all know how

much the sweaters were welcomed in this coooooold weather. Again in the spirit of giving, this dynamic Pastor donated 20 food baskets for the families of the Sunnydale Teen Center. One parent said, "This is just what we needed to carry us through 'til the first." Rev. Pittman exemplifies a true man of GOD!!!

FLORENCE PEWOTHERER, ST. JAMES CHURCH

As a real show of goodwill for mankind and moreover for the community, Florence and her church donated \$50.00 to the Recreation Center towards the purchase of equipment. This is one of the many ways the church shows they are interested in and support programs for the youth of Visitation Valley.

I would like to personally thank all of you, and DEBORAH MORRISON of San Francisco Housing Authority. It would take a book 10 volumes long to tell of all Deborah did for the residents this holiday season...the job is never over for any of us... Again, on behalf of the Sunnydale Teens and community, I would like to thank you all..... SHB



# Spirited singing sparks St. James

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As always, baritone Tony Toledo was at his best that evening. Almost shattering the building's window panes and the worshippers' eyeglasses, he sang to the delight of one and sundry his two favorite Christmas songs a) Impossible Dream, and b) Do You Hear What I Hear?

Tony's younger brother, Fred Tolentino and sister Yolanda, were just as good, if not better than he. Fred performed

beautiful renditions on at least two selections lifted from regular hymnals, and two Elvis Presley Christmas songs.

Yolanda, their younger sister, on the other hand, made the worshippers' experience sublime ecstasy, heavenly bliss. Yollie, as Ms. Tolentino is fondly called by her family and friends, has been favoring the public, especially Saint James congregation with her sopranic talents. Just like her brother

Tony, she is capable of shattering window panes and eye glasses.

Rafael Tolentino, the most junior of the clan turned out to be somewhat of a copycat when he - ironically - introduced at Saint James the current practice among crooners of walking around the auditorium (church worship area in this case) and serenading the audience.

After Tony, Fred, Yoly and

Raffie had sung "Lift Up the Song", "Because of Who You Are", "Precious Love", "Take My Hand", "Walk With Faith In Your Heart", "Praising Songs Medley", "He", "I Surrender All", "Shepherd Of My Heart", "A Of A Million Morning": Margaret Shapiro, a Saint James Church member and studious Sunday School lay leader, delivered her spiritual testimony, on returning to the makeshift auditorium with

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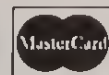


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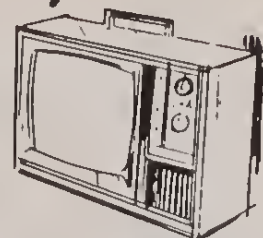
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# Holiday Celebration

other worshippers after the concert intermission.

For a concert anchor, Fred, Yolanda and Rafael Tolentino singing as a trio (Tony Toledo had earlier left the area after singing his rendition of two selections to fulfill another singing engagement) did justice to the following musical pieces: "I Believe", "Face to Faith", "In the Name of the Lord", "Let Us Pray", "Upon This Rock", and "Let There Be Praise".

Saint James Christian education and young adults committee is one of the congregation's newest committees. It was created by Rev. Jeremias Resus' verbalized concern that there has been a dearth in Christian education around the world.

Undoubtedly, the choice of Diane Lancancienta to head the committee has been a very good one on two counts; 1) she

comes from a family of Christians where the head (her father) is a pastor in his own right; and 2) Diane is an educated young woman whose age falls within the framework of the young adult category. Providing the piano and organ accompaniment to the concert artists was Raquel Esplana who, together with her husband Ray have supplemented the vocalized rendition and piano/organ music requirements of Saint James.



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by Anne Kaartunen

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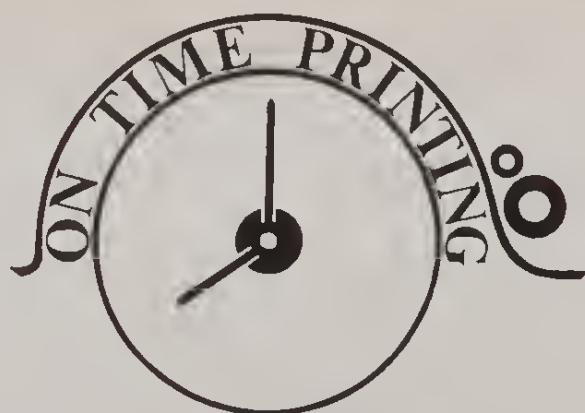
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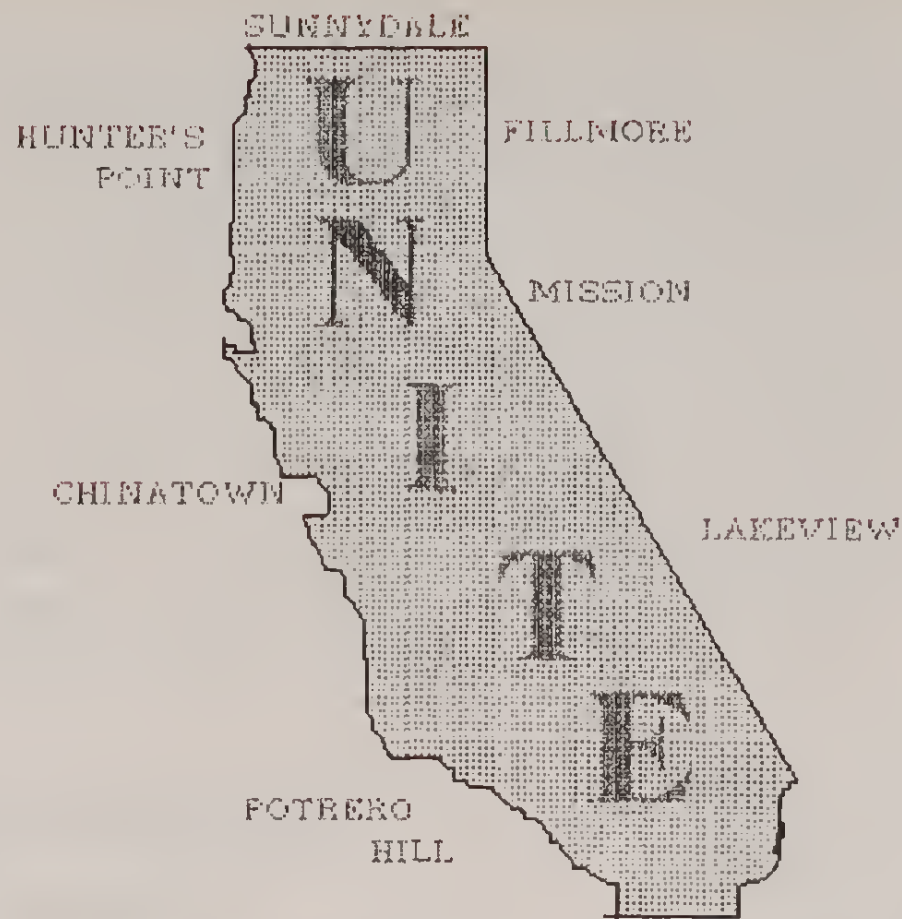
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